

On April 30, 2008, in Clarksburg, I spoke before the Scoping Committee with regard to the BDCP plan.

I related to the committee that when Home Depot and the Klotz Family were developing properties at the corners of Freeport Blvd and Pocket Roads, a requirement was made to pay for the relocation of any Swainson Hawks or Burrowing Owls that might be found on the property designated for development; The cost of such relocation to be \$3,000.00 per bird. No permits would be issued for any project without the property first being inspected for bird count and the relocation fees paid. This was required by the City of Sacramento to be in compliance with state and federal regulations because these birds were on the endangered species list; To my knowledge they still are.

My questions to the Committee:

1. What happens to these birds when the hawk loses its forage and the owl is flooded from its home?
2. If relocated, who will pay the cost?

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